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A Few Words of Explanation Concerning THE CLARKSOME NURSERIES

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Having purchased a few hundred acres of choice Citrus land, on the High Ridge, near Haines City, Fla., we decided to begin developing and setting groves on the land; we therefore began an investigation as to the most desirable "varieties" and "root stock" to use. After studying the various varieties from different angles, i. e., Hardiness, Bearing Qualities, Marketing Values, Market Demands, etc., we became satisfied as to what were the most desirable, and adopted the following for our own use, viz:

GRAPEFRUIT—The GOLD MEDAL and the MARSH SEEDLESS varieties.

ORANGES—The late VALENCIA, the PINEAPPLE and the LUE GIM GONG varieties.

ROUGH LEMON ROOT STOCK absolutely, for all trees on high land.

After becoming satisfied as to varieties, etc., we set out to get the trees we desired, and upon communicating with several reliable firms, we were advised they could not give us the trees we wanted on **Rough Lemon Roots**, as they were sold out.

Then what? We must wait another year. We then concluded that the surest way to get what we wanted, and get it when we wanted, and know they were right, was for us to have absolute charge of all detail, and **know** that everything that pertained to the producing of the trees was exactly what it was supposed to be; so, as an assurance of this, we decided to produce our own nursery stock.

This proved the cause and inception of our nursery business. We later decided to enlarge on our original plans, and the result is that we will have a few thousand choice trees, above our own needs, for the planting season of 1915-16, which we desire to sell. In producing these trees, it has been our constant purpose to spare no pains, no labor, no money, that would contribute toward producing the very choicest trees, as we expected to be the largest users of the trees; to do otherwise would be to "cheat ourselves."

Mr. Clarke (one of the owners) has superintended this nursery from its incipency. He assisted in removing the **Rough Lemon Sprouts** from the seed bed, and personally set practically every Rough Lemon Sprout in nursery form in the nursery, which have become the "root stock" for our present lot of trees. He has personally inspected every item that has been used in the nursery, and has been present, and directed and assisted in doing every important and particular part of the work, that no mistakes might occur and no vital thing be overlooked.

Do you wonder that we feel very positive assurance when we tell you that our trees are all right; that they are of pure strain and true to the varieties we represent, and absolutely on Rough Lemon Roots?

It is doubtful if there is another nursery of any importance in the county where one member of the firm has been so closely associated with the work in every detail as has Mr. Clarke with ours.

Having made use of our first nursery ourselves, none of it was put on the market. The one we refer to herein is our new and larger one, in an entirely new location, "out in the pine woods." It is widely separated from the old location, and is entirely isolated from any grove, thus avoiding any possibility of being infected by any disease, by contact, or any infection of the ground, from trees previously grown there.

It is absolutely free from CITRUS CANKER and other harmful diseases.

Some nurseries have but little, others none, of the Rough Lemon Root Stock. The reliable nurseryman will tell you frankly if he hasn't. Others **may** tell you that they haven't, but have something just as good, or better. Think it over, and **post yourself**. We don't think there is anything else "just as good" as the Rough Lemon Root-Stock for the High Land.

Bear in mind the saying, "Better be safe than sorry," and buy your trees of a trustworthy firm, whether of us or others. While we claim to be honest in this matter, and furnish you what we agree to, there are others that will do the same for you; so try and buy of such, even at a few cents additional cost.

If you feel that the isolated location of our nursery is any special assurance of clean, healthy trees, and the careful personal attention and assistance of one of the owners given to every detail of this nursery, so that we might feel doubly sure as to the trees for our own use, is any greater assurance to you of the most desirable trees, than you would feel of a nursery less favorably located as to protection, and cared for by promiscuous workmen, under foremen interested mostly in their salary, you can share in that benefit by buying your trees of us.

Our prices will be no higher than other reliable firms for similar trees. We will show you every courtesy and gladly give you such assistance as you feel you stand in need of in planting and caring for your grove.

For any who desire it, we will set the trees for them. Mr. Clarke has personally set practically every tree we have planted on our land, and with the best of success. This would assure you of an experienced and successful tree setter, if we do it for you.

Our trees are all on roots two to three years older than the bud.

We do not issue any catalog, as the number of trees we have would not justify it, so we hand you this explanatory sheet. We have a **descriptive price list**, which we will mail you upon request. Write for it or any other information you may desire.

CLARKSOME NURSERIES

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